

absolute as the righteousness of God, the man who buys your property at less than its value is a thief, and likewise the man who sells you what you must have at more than its value is a thief. This may sound like a "hard saying," and like the disciples you may ask, "Who can hear it?" But let us back it up with a little scripture. "Trust not in *oppression* and become not vain in *robbery*: if *riches increase*, set not your heart upon them." Ps. 62:10. Here we have abundant evidence that the various methods of growing rich at the expense of others were familiar to a very early age, and the Psalmist calls these methods "robbery." It is an ugly word, and it is a still more ugly reflection that these methods have ossified the modern Christian conscience to such an extent that a man can take advantage of the weakness or inadequacy of his neighbor's judgment, or of his ignorance, or of his necessity, get his property at less than its value, and retain unimpaired his standing in respectable churches and respectable society.

We believe in the Golden Rule, and we do not believe that its infringement is necessary to enable a man to get on in the world. We believe that it is a command of the Lord Jesus as binding upon us as any other command, and that the Lord will honor its obedience with several kinds of salvation. We do not believe that a business man would end his earthly pilgrimage with a dollar the less on account of it; but if he did, he would nevertheless have that which is above all riches, an approving conscience, a self respect which lends a kindly dignity, the peace of God which passeth understanding, and that like-mindedness to the Lord which is the passport at the gates of life.

What is a Christian School?

Doctor W. R. Reese, in a recent number of the Religious Telescope, undertakes to answer this question, and in our judgment so admirably succeeds that we take pleasure in laying before our readers his definition of a Christian college. Our people are interested in their only college because they have confidence in the management to make it in every sense a thoroughly *Christian* school. If we are correct in our judgment and comprehension as to what a Christian school is then we are glad to write down Ashland College as coming within the limits and meeting all the requirements of the definition given by Doctor Reese. He says:—

So much has been said in recent years of the superior value of the Christian college as a factor in education that the question, "What constitutes a Christian college?" becomes a very important one. Certainly a college is not Christian because it is under the control of some branch of the church. Unfortunately, many things are done in the name of the church that reflect no honor on the Head of the church, and it is unfortunately true that the tendency of the teaching in some of the colleges owned and controlled by the Christian churches is distinctly anti-Christian.

A college is not Christian because it holds daily chapel services for the reading of the Scriptures and prayer. This may be done with a cold formalism that freezes out all spiritual aspirations, deadens the religious impulses, and dishonors God. Nor is a college Christian because it sets itself against college sports which, while bringing rest from close application to study, help to development manliness,

self-control, and concentration and co operation of effort. Neither is it a mark of the Christian college to hedge in its students with an array of "Thou shalt" and "Thou shalt not." Arbitrary regulations are not Christian in spirit, and, which is as much to our purpose, they are not Christian in their results, as seen in the character of the students who live under them.

A Christian college is like a Christian man—one pervaded by the spirit of the Christ; one that finds God in history, guiding the development of ideas and the growth of institutions; one that finds God in literature, inspiring thoughts noble, pure and true, thoughts that elevate and ennoble man; one that finds God in nature, manifesting himself in his works, and, whether by direct creative acts or by divinely-directed self unfolding, making the worlds show forth his wisdom and his power; one that finds "God in Christ reconciling the world unto himself." A Christian college exalts ideals, but they are the ideals found in the life, the mission, and the spirit of Jesus. A Christian college exalts knowledge, but does not forget that eternal life is to know God, and to become acquainted with Jesus Christ. It magnifies wisdom, but finds its first principles in the fear of the Lord. It seeks to build human lives in knowledge, power, and character on the sure foundation of truth as found in Jesus Christ. To the Christian student of the Christian college, the class room, the society hall, and the athletic field are no less than the church service, the Y. M. C. A., and the Sunday-school, means of growing a Christian manhood.

How God Answered a Little Boy's Prayer

It is related, not as a mere story without any foundation, but as an actual occurrence that a little six year old Russian boy whose father was dead, and whose mother and sisters were in great want, prayed to God for relief, and then to help answer his prayer he wrote a letter like this:—

Dear Lord:—Mother and my two little sisters have nothing to eat, and are very hungry. Please send me a little money to buy them some bread, and when I get bigger I will pay it back.

The letter, properly signed, he directed it to "God in Heaven." Then he went to put it into the nearest letter box, but was too little to reach it. A gentleman standing near took it to drop it into the box. He was a minister, and when he saw the direction on the envelope, he opened the letter and read it. He supplied the family with food, and then telling the story in his church, had a collection taken for them. A sufficiently large sum was obtained to keep the family for a long time. Was ever such faith found in all Israel, and does any one doubt that in some way God does really answer prayer? Perhaps if we could exercise the faith of this little boy there would be more praying and more answers to our prayers.

A well dressed woman at the zoological park yesterday declared that the alligators which they have there were only base imitations, and that none of them were really alive. In order to prove this statement to a friend who was with her she dangled her handkerchief in front of one of the saurian's eyes. A keeper finally got her arm out of the alligator's jaws, and the surgeons think that they may be able to save her arm. There are multitudes of people who can never be made to believe that sin is an awful monster, alive, and ready to grasp in his alligator jaws any who come within reach.